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II. ASIA-AFRICA

No *Iraq: Premier Qasim has strengthened his position in Iraq by dismissing pro-UAR Deputy Premier and Minister of Interior Arif, as well as two more pro-UAR cabinet members. Arif is being sent out of the country as ambassador to West Germany.

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South Vietnam: Undercurrents of discontent with President Diem's continuing dictatorial rule are a potential threat to his regime. The army, which on the whole is considered loyal to Diem, has long contained elements resentful of political interference in army affairs.

III. THE WEST

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Peru: A predominantly Communist-led group of labor organizations is planning nationwide anti-US meetings for 2 October. At a 28 September meeting, union leaders urged nationalization of the American-owned mines as a solution to problems posed by the recent US import quotas for lead and zinc.

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Discontent in South Vietnam

Discontent with President Ngo Dinh Diem's continuing dictatorial rule is a potential threat to the stability of the South Vietnamese Government. Criticism of Diem's authoritarianism is being heard increasingly among influential Vietnamese, including members of his own cabinet, who formerly supported the President unswervingly.

Diem is isolated from the public by his dependence on a tight circle of advisers, headed by his brother Ngo Dinh Nhu. Nhu, who is widely feared and hated, also heads the elite Can Lao party, which controls all political activity in Vietnam. The police-state methods of the Can Lao and the activities of its covert branches have caused much resentment within the government.

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Saigon's preoccupation with internal security to the detriment of economic progress, coupled with heavy-handed police measures, is also engendering resentment among the masses. This plays into the hands of the Vietnamese Communists, who appear to be stepping up their clandestine activities aimed at toppling Diem.

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Nationwide Anti-US Meetings Planned in Peru

Nationwide anti-US meetings have been scheduled in Peru for 2 October by predominantly Communist-led labor groups. Nine labor organizations joined in a communiqué on 28 September announcing plans for the demonstrations. A committee has been named to arrange a gathering in Lima in the Plaza San Martin, which is near the US Embassy. At a meeting on 28 September attended by 1,000 persons, the head of the union in a central mining town urged nationalization of the mines as a solution for the problem posed by the recent US import quotas for lead and zinc. The largest mining enterprise in Peru is the American-owned Cerro de Pasco Company.

The chief of the leftist but non-Communist APRA party told an officer of the American Embassy that APRA and the APRA-linked leadership of the national labor confederation hope to exert a restraining influence on the protest meetings. However, American Ambassador Achilles doubts that APRA can control the situation.

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